Dear Sylvia, 10/29/83

Nothing wrong with being weary (we've both more than paid our dues and needn't apologize for that) but no reason to under-value yourself. That you are not familiar with what is allegedly "new" meant nothing for the panel. In general what is "new" is merely confirmation of the "old," with which we both still have adequate familiarity.

Frankly, when an outfit that not only could afford to bear the cost but enjoys doing it would have transported you and put you up well I thought the change would bwwelcome, we'd have a chance to meet and chat again and, ifII needed it, there would be reinforcement against the nittiness. Fortunately, I needed no help and so far as I can tell it is nullified and will be ignored.

Also, for the first time in all the work done on the Moorman I can see a face xlearly. The deal for use of it included computer enchancement at MIT. I do hope that it can be confirmed because it is quite clear to me, complete with metal-framed specs.

One never knows in dealing with the Pope who acts like the pope and isn't, but I think there may be at least one thing new and significant and treated responsibly.

It is possible but not certain that I'll be up for the NPR panel. The problem appears to be that I have no publisher to pick up the tab. If so I'll take three days, one to go and rest, one for it and then home next a.m. It also will involve a cab or equivalent between here and Baltimore station. I'd go Metroliner. I'll let you know if it happens and I have time to let you know. Or ask Larry to. It is for this possibility that I've prepared myself on Favison's book.

The Grenada/Nicaragua and similar situations are as you describe them and it is nit good but this, for all its faults, is a different world. Do not let yourself get down and stay down because, whatever the end, it has created serious problems for the FlickerHitler and his cowboy fascisti.

I don't remember that the US ever voted alone at the security counsel when it vetoed and by accident I caught some of the live telecast by public TV. (Almost nothing in WxPost and then only about the second day.) I'm sure the demonstrations in Europe will be larger and more effective in protesting the Orwellian practise of increasing nuclear weapons and calling that reduction and I'm sure it will become clear that the USSR will at least nullify that as soon as it happens, which may temporarily be bad for t e world but in the end may lead less insanity. If you'd heard the Polibvian and Argentine UN speeches you'd have seen how sharply our mendicants separated themselves and condemned the monstrosu obseenity. Withal how ridiculous all this display of power is when after a week there is still resistance and it may continue. Power? We have a soldier there for every 20 Grenadians. Incredible!

Do not be discouraged if Reagan uses this as an excuse to establish a new base there, one that has no military value at all but can be used for repression on the mainland. In the end it will backfire.

Reagan may have temporarily reduced his embarrassment in and over Lebanon but he has again made the accusation that he is triggerhappy credible, throughout the world. At the same time, with varying degrees of domestic acceptance, it will also be clear that his minions and he have been lying their heads off. It is obvious, for example, and the rest of the world will recognise that the introduction of small-arms into renada was not for a Cuban base but to arm a local militia, with his March inflamatory TV superspectacular about the commerical airst rip all they needed to worry plenty about what he'd be up to. And when the casualties are admitted and counted it will be obvious that he did not save lives but wasted them. There will be a reaction that can deter him and what he represents.

If Ed Williams has been institutionalized that is a real break for him and many

others. I am aware of his threats against me. I almost got him pickedup here, by an accident of his running out of money. What really happened is not exactly what he says. And I'll simplify it. When he was about to check out of the local Holiday Inn he called me to ask me to come down and bail him out. I never have much cash on me but I could have used my Visa. However, I wanted to know what I was getting into because I was well aware of his telephonitis, so I phoned the Inn and asked how much he owed. He owed much more than he'd told me and I told the manager I could not go for that much. He said he'd phone the police. This was a real break because Ed clearly needed help. So I phoned the police and told them he needed help. They told me that an ambulance would be sent, I gathered from them. So, I tried to pick it up at the hospital but he never got there. It seems that the manager backed out. But he'd already told me that they perceived Ed was wildly irrational. Ed thought I'd put them up to it but I hadn't, much as I welcomed it. I phoned the Inn again and they told me they last saw him walking to a truckstop where he hoped to hitch a ride. So, I phoned the State police, which are better educated and rather good. The one I spoke to appreciated the situation and ways of dealing with it properly, within the law, which Ed was violating. They looked for him and picked up one who met his description and, it happened, one i n need of more normal help. So I don't know how he got away from here but before long I started getting new denunciations. I ignored them so they've ceased. Meanwhile, the phone companies started getting in touch with me and I informed them fully and accurately, including giving his wife's and lawyers' numbers. Perhaps that in the end is what triggered it. But believe me, he will resist and resist strongly. Some things the solution is vitamins only and to fear and mistrust any doctor who mentions anything else.

It was much more complicated than this, over a long period of time and it wasted muchtime for me.

Ron Rosenbaum phoned me and I told him I would say nothing about any critic on the record or for any use and remembering his past, I feared an ugly piece, so I hoped to moderate it. If you can lend me your copy I'll return it. He promised to send me one but didn't.

When Roger didn't even acknowledge several things I sent I figured he might be a bit depressed. Let us hope that whether or not his situation improves this will pass. He is a very fine person.

Greg Stone is engaged in a futility unless he changes his approach and overcomes his hangups. I did try to help him.

Please excuse the haste and typos. Almost suppertime and I must start the fire. I've been heating us entirely with wood and there is a prediction for below freezing tonight, after a beautiful day, more than just beautiful here on the side of the well-treed moutain this time of the year. Magnificent! The wood saves much money and gives me intermittent exercise. Each year I move tons of it, little at a time, from the woods behind the house where it has been stacked and drying to underneath the roof overhand all around the house, from which I move it into the house as I need it. I move a cartfull and then have to rest a half hour, but I keep at it and finally get it done. Just begun because all the flowers are not yet dormant and we have them all around the house, under the overhang. Looking at in practically, this adds the equivalent of three months' Social Security checks, I save that much over oil and help the energy crisis by using a fuel that replaces itself.

Stay well, and my best,